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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 12 with the following amended claim:

1 12. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the steps
2 of converting the active video top half field and of converting the active video bottom half
3 field each includes concurrently processing a predetermined number of lines of the respective
4 top half field and bottom half field, whereby the step of converting defines a predetermined
5 number of phases, wherein the step of converting the active video bottom half field further
6 includes the step of adjusting the phase with which the bottom half field is converted to
7 match an ending processing phase of the top half field.

Respectfully Submitted,



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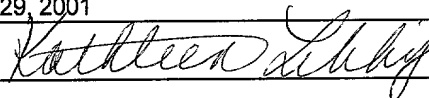
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

- 1 12. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim-1011, wherein the steps of
2 converting the active video top half field and of converting the active video bottom half
3 field each includes concurrently processing a predetermined number of lines of the
4 respective top half field and bottom half field, whereby the step of converting defines a
5 predetermined number of phases, wherein the step of converting the active video
6 bottom half field further includes the step of adjusting the phase with which the bottom
7 half field is converted to match an ending processing phase of the top half field.